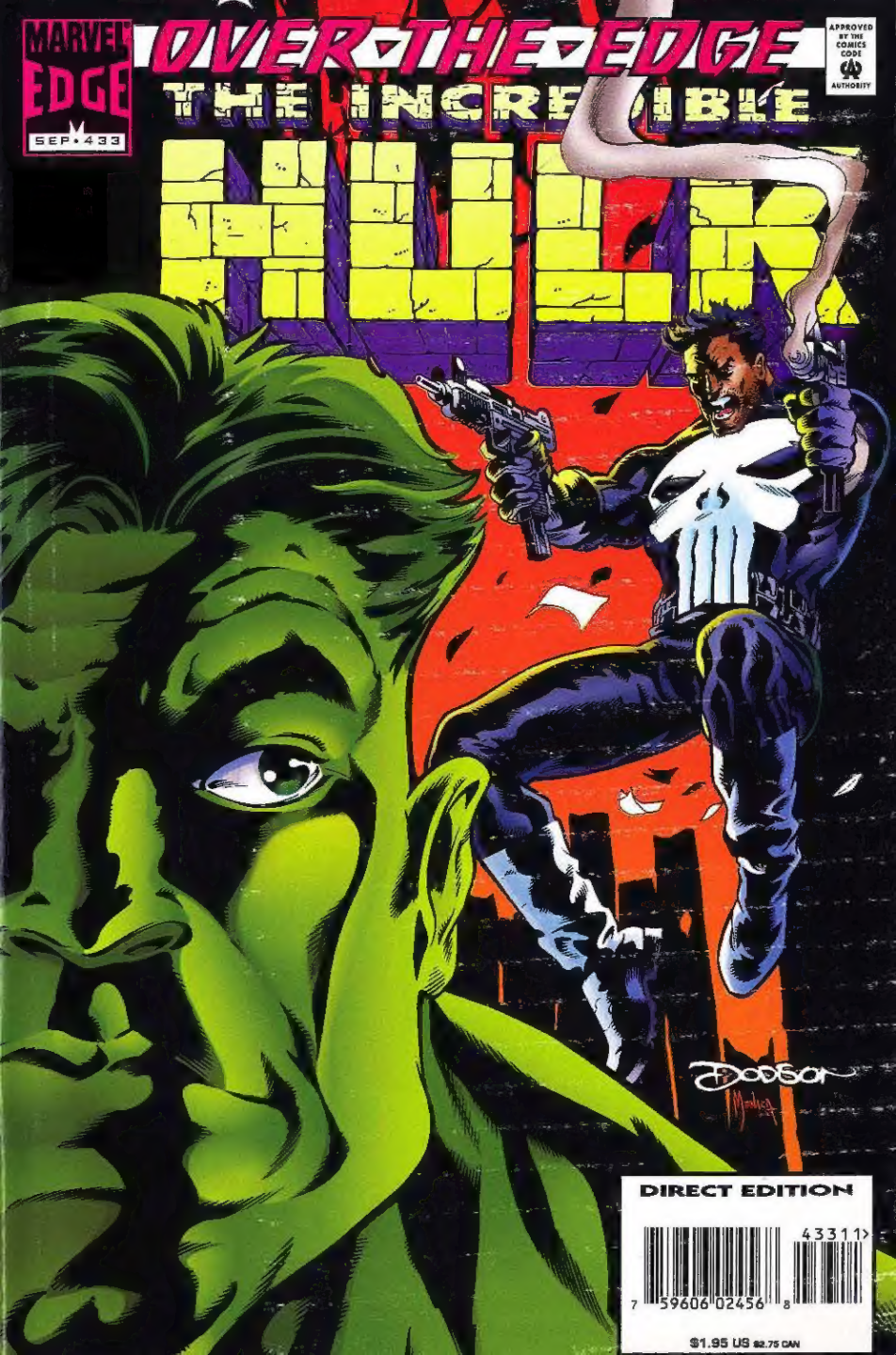
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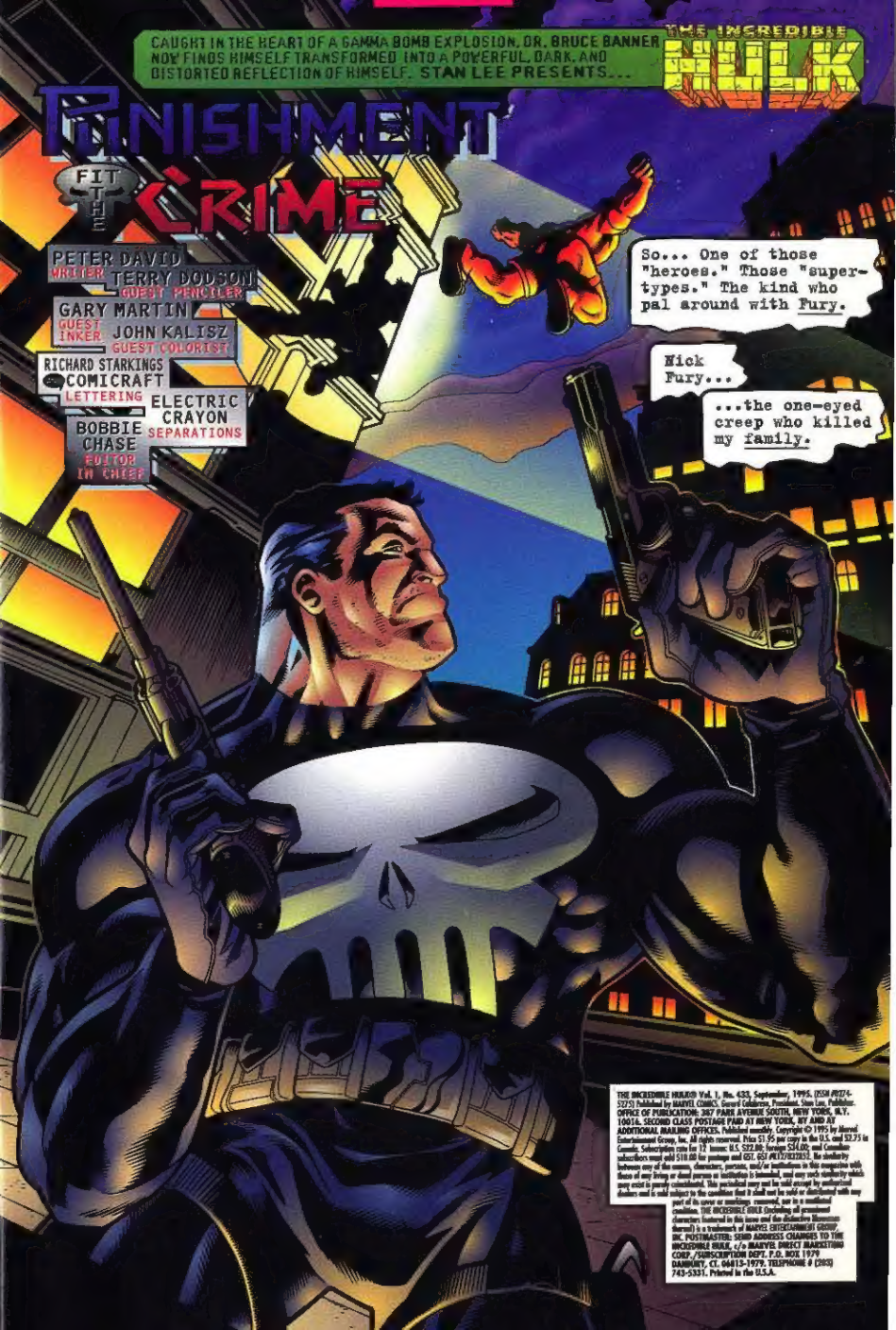
Nick Fury...

...the one-eyed creep who killed my family.



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His name's Hulk.
Funny. He's got his own history of people being out to get him.
You'd think, of all of them, he'd be the most likely to be on my side.
But no... Fury's pulling his strings, too, just like he is with the others.
Getting them together, no doubt. Warning them about me.
Certain I wouldn't go anywhere near them.
And I just love doing exactly the opposite of what people expect.

SHIELD HEADQUARTERS.
NO, MISTER PRESIDENT, IT'S UNLIKELY THE PUNISHER WILL SHOOT AT THE WHITE HOUSE. YOU'RE NOT A TARGET.
YES, SIR, I APPRECIATE THAT'S A PLEASANT CHANGE.
NO, LEONARD, I DON'T WANT YOU MIXING INTO THE CASTLE BUSINESS ANY FURTHER.
WHY? 'CAUSE WE DON'T SEE EYE TO EYE ON THINGS.
OH, YOU'RE A RIOT, SAMSON. 'BYE.
COLONEL FURY, THREE MORE PUNISHER SIGHTINGS.
OKAY, JONESY, LET'S GO TO THE BIG BOARD.
WE'VE GOT ONE REPORT THAT HE WAS SEEN LEAVING A DINER IN HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT.
LET'S LIGHT UP HARTFORD. NEXT?
HE WAS ALSO SPOTTED IN A GYM IN BANGOR, MAINE...
...AND SELLING FLOWERS NEAR LOGAN AIRPORT. ALL WITHIN AN HOUR OF EACH OTHER.

IF WE WERE BEATIN' THE BUSHES FER QUICKSILVER, I MIGHT BUY IT.
THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU ALERT LOCAL BADGES. MY GUT TOLD ME THAT'D BE A MISTAKE. ALWAYS TRUST YER GUT, JONESY.
KEEP ON IT. MAYBE ONE OF THOSE NUMBSKULLS'LL GIVE US SOMETHING USEFUL.
YESSIR, COLONEL. Oh... AND SIR? IF I MAY...
WHAT DID DOC SAMSON SAY THAT WAS SLICH A "RIOT?"
HE SAID I'D BE A BIG HIT IN THE KINGDOM OF THE BLIND.
I DON'T GET IT.
I'LL EXPLAIN IT WHEN YOU'RE OLDER.
WHERE ARE YA, CASTLE?
FURY

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BETWEEN THE SEWER AND THE EAST RIVER, MY CLOTHES WERE WRECKED. AND THIS WAS ALL THE BIG AND TALL SHOP HAD IN MY SIZE.
NOT A SNIDE SYLLABLE WILL I UTTER.
I ASKED FOR THIS MEETING BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU'D WANT TO KNOW EXACTLY WHO WAS BEHIND THE RAID IN THE SEWERS.
HIS NAME IS MISTER WULF CHRISTOPHER. I WAS INVESTIGATING HIM WHEN THE RAID WENT DOWN. EVEN I, A GUARDIAN ANGEL, CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE.
THERE'S NO SHADY DEALING HE'S NOT A PART OF. NO POLITICAL PIE HIS FINGERS AREN'T IN.
YOU WERE USED, HULK. PRESSED INTO THE SEVICE OF A DRUG LORD.
It was here... in the park... right near here...
Hard to stay focused...

My family... my wife... my...
KICK IT TO ME, DAD! YOU'RE THE BEST KICKER!
Gunned down... killed by...
...by Nick Fury... and...
...Wulf... Christopher... I know I heard...
WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WHERE I CAN FIND THIS MISTER CHRISTOPHER. I'LL HAVE A LITTLE CHAT WITH HIM.

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HOLMES! BLAST YOUR EYES!
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I'M MARY, I'LL BE YOUR SERVER. START WITH DRINKS?
Gashe
WHICH IS BETTER, THE JACK'S BLOODY MARY, OR THE MORIARITY BREW?

Oh, HONEY! LOOK! UP THERE! A GARGOYLE!
TAKE ITS PICTURE, HONEY! AUNT MEL LOVES DECORATIVE STATUARY.
KINDA HARD TO MAKE OUT...
...I THINK MAYBE I CAN...
...HONEY, umm...
...WHAT GARGOYLE?
WAITING TIME OF AT LEAST ONE HOUR, FOLKS! ONE HOUR!
Gaslight

Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri.

Helped Tim with speech. Told him to pick a topic he enjoys. Tim picked mountain bikes. We had a bowl of my delicious cereal.

Tim's speech is getting better. Got him to imagine his audience in their underwear so he wouldn't be so nervous. Brought Tim 2 more boxes of Crunch. He loves that sweet crunchy taste!

Tim can't wait to give speech. Maybe all he needed was to Crunch up his confidence. Cleaned my room. Have to stop eating my cereal in bed.

Took Tim his favorite cereal, Capn Crunch. He's not sure about giving a speech to his class. Sent blue suit to cleaners.

Tim's speech was terrific! Got applause from the whole class. I knew he could do it. Weekend! Time to go to national speed beat races!

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YO, LAUGHING BOY. WHERE'S YOUR BOSS, Mr. CHRISTOPHER?
AND YOU WOULD BE..?
BOARD OF HEALTH, SURPRISE INSPECTION. NEED TO KNOW MORE?
F...FOURTH FLOOR, SIR. THE OFFICES ARE UP THERE...
...CLOSED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.
MAYBE WE SHOULD ASK FOR I.D.?
But they don't. Lucky for them. I've got my I.D. right here.

I'M NOT PLEASED, FERRIS. PERHAPS I SHOULD DROP BY AND --
KRASSH
WE'RE HAVING WORDS, CHRISTOPHER!
I'M SURE YOU'RE A BUSY MAN. HERE...
.. LET ME CLEAR YOUR CALENDAR.
WHAT THE --
BACK OUT, GENTLEMEN.
BULLETS WOULDN'T BE ADVISABLE.
SO...AM I SUPPOSED TO BE IMPRESSED?
I'M GIVING YOU ONE CHANCE TO MAKE A FULL CONFESSION TO THE POLICE.

Oh, please, Doctor Banner. I know *all* about you. I'm *very* well connected.
You're rather civilized these days. Even *unimpressive*. Compared to earlier incarnations, you're a bit of a...
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In any event, the civilized Hulk *hardly* poses the threat that the old Hulk presented.
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RAAWR!?
BLAM
AAHHH! YOU LUNATIC!
MY LEG! YOU SHOT MY FREAKIN' LEG!

Great. Just terrific. I shot an actor. Praiseworthy in some circumstances, but not these.
That was just sloppy. Even jumpy. Since when am I jumpy?
All I did now was alert Christopher's goons. Turn this into a firefight with dozens of civilians around.

Mr. C! IT'S THE PUNISHER!
THE... THE PUNISHER?
YOU! YOU COULD STOP HIM! HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT?
ME? BUT I'M SO... UNIMPRESSIVE!
Oh, HARK! I THINK HE'S ON THE SECOND FLOOR!
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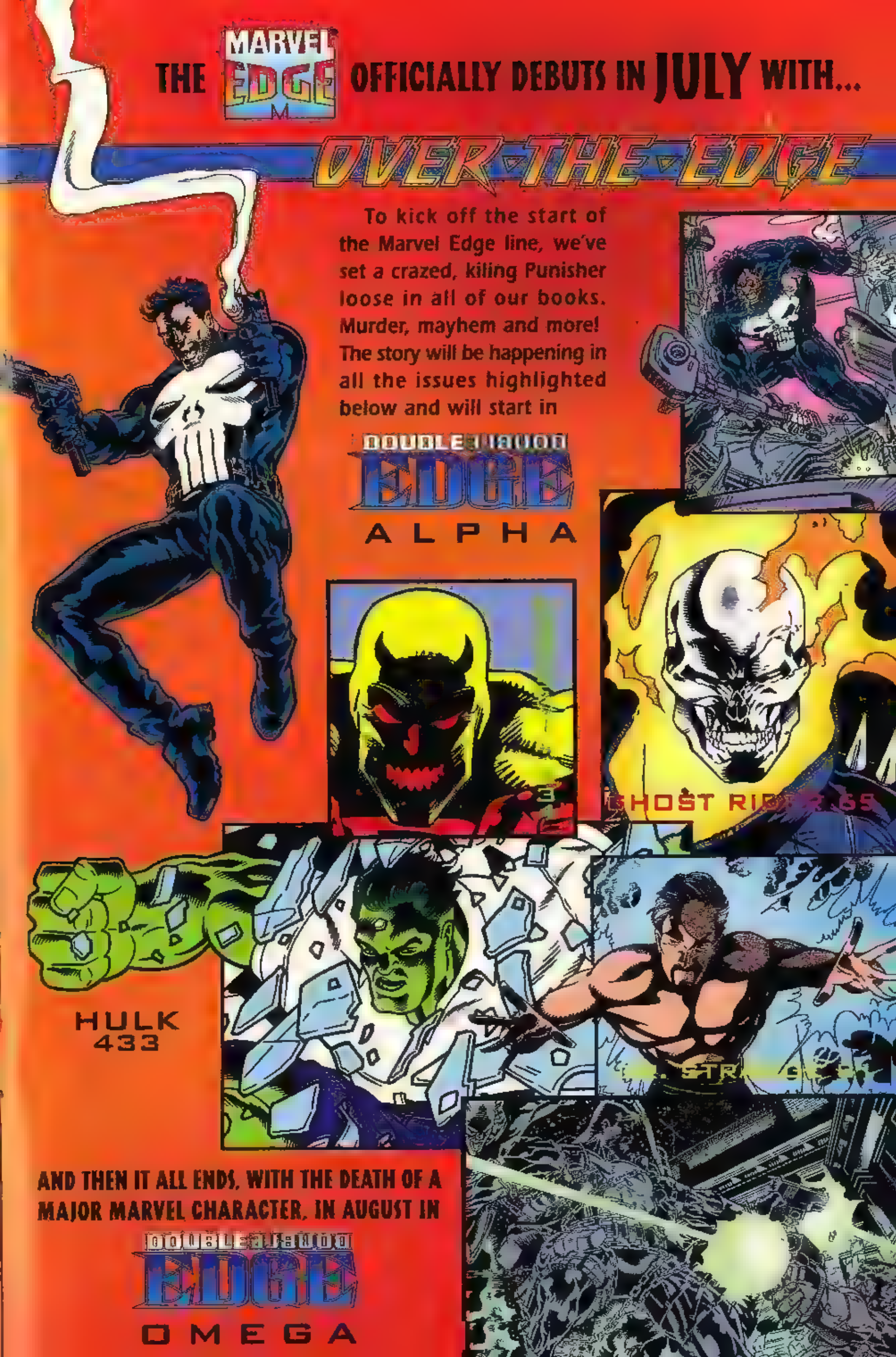
HE'S GONE WAY BEYOND DANGEROUS.
APPREHEND IF POSSIBLE. BUT IF IT'S AT ALL NECESSARY...
"...PUT HIM DOWN LIKE A MAD DOG."
YOU CAN'T JUST DO NOTHING! YOU CLAIM YOU'RE CIVILIZED! VICTIMIZED, NOT VICTIMIZER! A RATIONAL, DECENT MAN! ISN'T THAT YOUR LINE?



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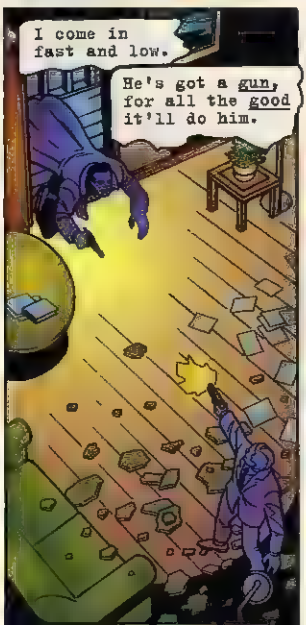
WHY? SO FLEAS LIKE YOU CAN LAUGH AT ME?
I'D BE BETTER SERVED JUST CALLING MYSELF --
HULK!
WE KNOW THE PUNISHER IS IN THERE! WE'RE HERE FOR HIM!
WE GOT NO QUARREL WITH YOU!
NO QUARREL?!
LAST TIME, YOU KIDNAPPED ME FROM A HOSPITAL WHILE I WAS HELPLESS!
THE TIME BEFORE THAT YOU THREATENED TO BLOW MY BRAINS OUT!
WHO KNOWS WHAT NEXT TIME WILL BE?
NO QUARREL WITH ME? MAYBE I'VE GOT A QUARREL WITH YOU!

Blast!
BLAM
I could've used that gun.
As it is, I'm down to one piece and... how much ammo?
One round.
Well... like they say... it's not how much you got... it's what you do with it.

YOU SEE, FURY, I'VE WORKED WITH THE PUNISHER BEFORE!
I KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT FROM HIM!
FROM YOU, I NEVER KNOW! SO I'M RETURNING THE FAVOR!
GOOD... GOOD, BRUCE. STAYING CALM. DON'T WANT TO GET TOO WORKED UP.
BECOMING A 90-POUND WEAKLING WOULDN'T BE TOO USEFUL.


I come in fast and low.
He's got a gun, for all the good it'll do him.

He misses me clean, but I rush my return shot.

Winged his shooting arm. Good enough.

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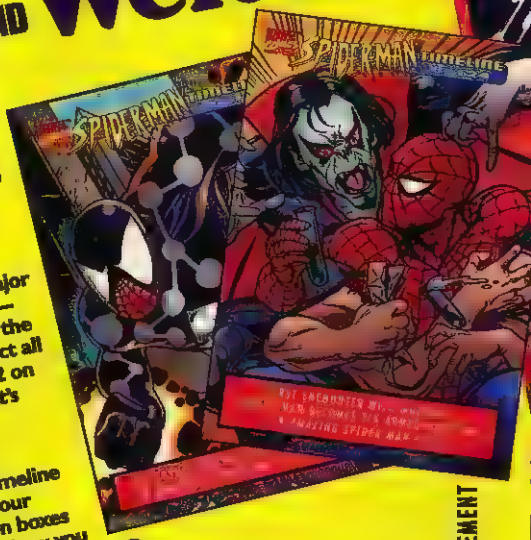

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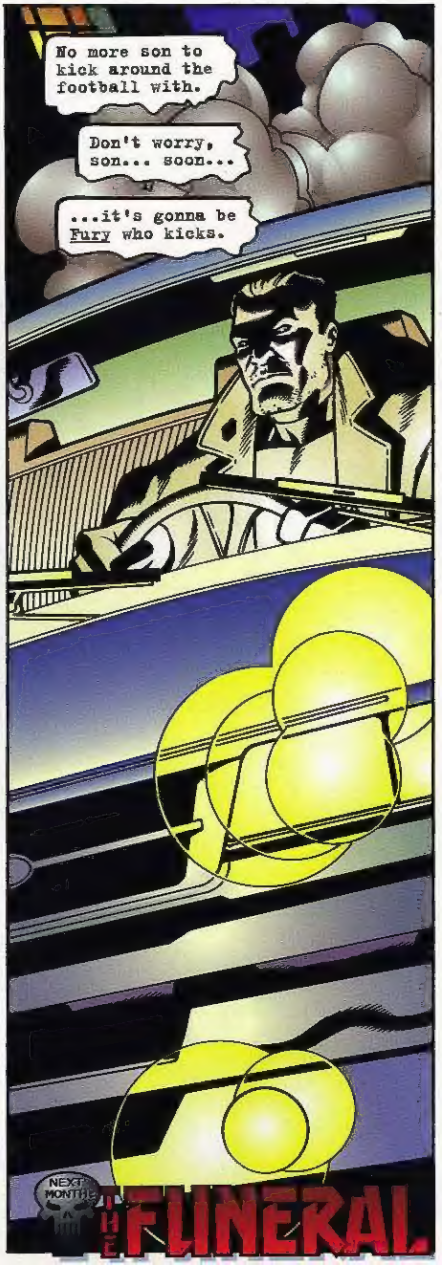
NOW THAT SHOULD BE A RIDE AT UNIVERSAL.
FURY. WHERE'S FURY?
DROP IT, FRANK.
I COULD'VE PUT ONE IN YOUR BACK. I DIDN'T. THAT'S CALLED MERCY.
BUT IT'S OVER. EITHER THE GUN GETS DROPPED, OR YOU DO.
YOU KILLED MY FAMILY, FURY. AND I KNOW THIS GUY WAS INVOLVED SOMEHOW.
YOU KNOW SQUAT. NOW PUT IT DOWN...
.. OR I SWEAR TO GOD I'LL KILL YOU.

"YOU'RE THE BEST KICKER, DAD!"
UNHH!
BUDDABUDDABUDDA
CASTLE, YOU SON OF A--!
Gun... have to get another gun...
...And end this.

JONESY! PALMER! HE'S ON STREET LEVEL!
PURSUE! PURSUE!
SORRY, NICK. THEY'RE NOT EXACTLY IN A POSITION TO HURRY UP AND PURSUE AT THE MOMENT.

BANNER, YOU IDIOT! CASTLE'S NUTS! BERSERK!
AND I SHOULD BELIEVE YOU!? AFTER THE KIDNAPPING, THE THREATS...
...YOU'RE NO DIFFERENT THAN CHRISTOPHER. YOU THINK I'M NOT TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. THAT I CAN BE MANIPULATED. TARGET ONE DAY, PAL THE NEXT.
MY GUT INSTINCT IS TO TRUST THE PUNISHER, NOT YOU. AND I ALWAYS TRUST MY GUT.


No more son to kick around the football with.
Don't worry, son... soon...
...it's gonna be Fury who kicks.
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GREEN MAIL

WE PROMISED THAT HULK #429 WOULD MAKE YOU ANGRY... AND IT DID! NO RESPONSES FROM US THIS MONTH TO ALLOW ROOM FOR MORE LETTERS!

Dear Green Mail,

Once again, in issue #429, Peter David highlights another social issue. Peter is, in my opinion, the number one talent in comic book storytelling, and his topics stir up many points of view. But, let us not forget HULK is a comic book. Yes, Peter's stories hit home, but never do they deflect attention away from the star of the show, Robert Bruce Banner: the Incredible Hulk!

The issues Peter raises are essential to the plot, and keep the Hulk up to the usual excellent standard Peter sets. But the Hulk retains center stage, and this is how it should be.

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Dear Green Mail,

Quite simply, this is what I look for in a comic. Without ever stating Betty or Bruce's inclination toward the subject, without ever ridiculing or demonstrating, David has crafted a story that could be happening on the front sidewalks in any city in America. And, yes, I was angry when I was finished. Not that we do not know our heroes' beliefs or that causes were distorted or misrepresented. Instead #429 confronted each reader with his own impotence when facing issues in which a few zealots forsake their own beliefs to further their goals.

Yes, I was mad. Sorry to face what man can do to his neighbor. Sorry that such decisions have to be made, and that a select few make the decision worse when comfort and support might better serve everyone's ends.

So while those people who scoff at the idea of adults reading comics sit back to the mindless drone of Melrose Place, your readers, of every age, maybe see an issue that affects them directly in a new way. Keep bringing that thought and consideration to your stories and you will have increased your readers' experience while also increasing your readership. Thanks for the effort.

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Dear Hellsters,

Boo, hiss! Usually I consider this mag an oasis in the vast comics wasteland of the nineties. I guess that's why I find #429 so unworthy of you.

To be so boldfacedly manipulative is just real tacky. Kate is so obviously a straw character, created so that she can be gunned down in an act portrayed too vaguely to inspire any sort of feeling. Even Cahill is a more vivid character.

Neither side of the conflict is portrayed with enough depth or humanity to merit our attention. The cover blurb just makes it worse. You announce that you want to stir me up, but you can't even bother to tell me a real story to get me involved. It was just, "Hey, there's this pregnant girl, and she gets shot at a demonstration. Isn't that awful?"

The inadequacy of the central plotline is only made more obvious by the great stuff that surrounds it—the mystery of Chief Large, and the continuing growth in the marriage of the Banners.

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Dear Green Mail,

Reading issue #429, I am going to assume most of the staff is either pro-abortion, or merely indifferent. So why the controversy? What are you trying to prove?

Your readership seems more preoccupied with whether or not Rick Jones should have his own trading card. Are you trying to tell your readers what to think?

It was grossly unfair for Mr. David to paint pro-life activists as he did. They want to save life, not take it away. Even the fringe fanatics target the abortion doctors, not pregnant teen-age runaways!

You even made the cops look bad. They happen to be on the side of the abortionists, or have you forgotten the new "bubble zone" laws? If anyone is getting physically assaulted, it is the demonstrators.

I believe it is in Marvel's best interests to be pro-life. Let me explain: abortion has eliminated more than 30 million unborn children since 1973. By the year 2000, it will be 40 million. Has it sunk in yet? Millions of potential comic book consumers!

Min Soo Kim
(Address withheld by request)

Dear Bobbie and James,

Truth to tell, I found HULK #429 to be one of the very best and most thought-provoking issues produced in the last couple months. With Liam Sharp growing more and more accustomed to being the book's artist, and the switch to the new and incredibly improved deluxe format, this was undoubtedly the right time for long-time writer Peter David to once again bring us a tale about a highly controversial subject.

I can only commend everybody involved on this splendid job. It takes a lot of courage to touch upon the subject of abortion and free choice, and I found the way in which the subject was addressed very different from a traditional approach. Again, thanks for a touching and thought-provoking issue.

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Others who praised issue #429: Adam Frey, Southampton, PA; Dave Pfeil; Kyle A. Miller, Shawnee, KS; Bobby Childs, Phoenix City, AZ; Kevin Ford, Jefferson City, MO; and Andy Harmon of Honolulu, HI.

Those who objected to the issue included Mike Morrell, Douglasville, GA; Martin J. Rezze, Kenner, LA; Kenneth A. Gilbert, Danville, PA; and Stan Stroup, Wilmington, DE, who wants the savage Hulk back!

next issue:

The events of "Over the Edge" conclude in DOUBLE EDGE: OMEGA. Then be back here next month for a special funeral.

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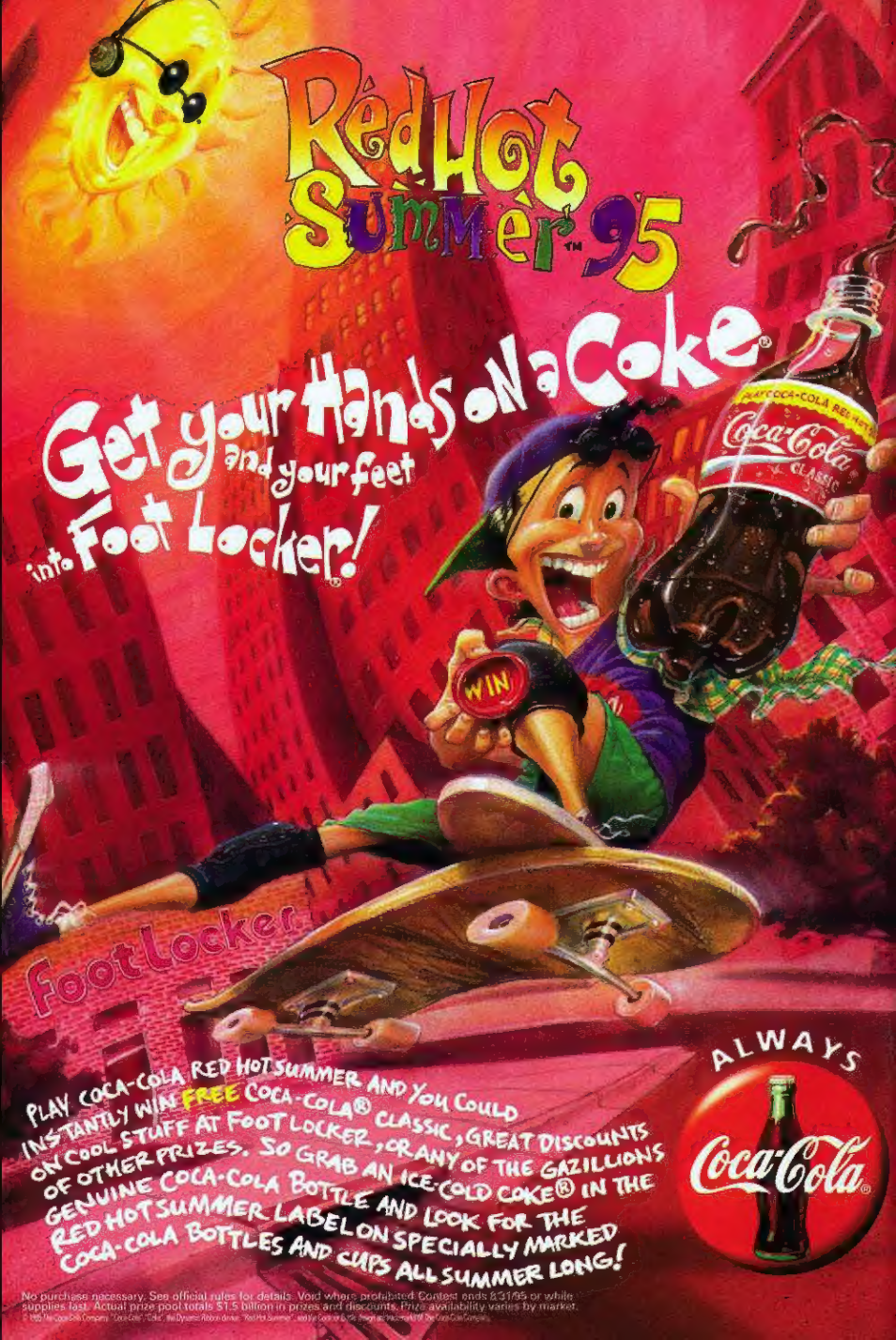

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